

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 8, line 6, please amend the heading as follows:

--~~DISCLOSURE~~ SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--<sub>2</sub>

At page 8, please insert the following commencing at line 15:

--To achieve the foregoing objects, in one embodiment, the invention provides a communication apparatus which includes IP (Internet Protocol) communication means and transmits/receives communication data to/from a destination station discriminated by a telephone number. The communication apparatus has an IP address obtaining means for obtaining an IP address of the destination station from an SIP (Session Initiation Protocol) proxy server based on the telephone number of the destination station, and a facsimile communication means for performing facsimile communication on a line switching network. A converting means converts a signal that the facsimile communication means transmits/receives into data on an IP network, and an IP network connecting means connects to the IP network. A control means controls to, if it is able to transmit/receive communication data on the IP network based on a predetermined file transmit/receive protocol, start to transmit/receive image data to/from the destination station based on the predetermined file transmit/receive protocol, via the IP network connecting means, using the obtained IP address of the destination station, in response to the acquirement of the IP address by said IP address obtaining means. But, if it is not able to transmit/receive communication data on the IP network based on the predetermined file transmit/receive protocol, the control means causes the facsimile communication means to start transmission/reception of image data to/from the destination station based on a

predetermined file transmit/receive protocol, in response to the acquirement of the IP address of the destination station by the IP address obtaining means, and causes the converting means to execute conversion of the signal that the facsimile communication means transmits/receives and transmit/receive thus converted signal to/from the destination station via the IP network connecting means.--